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*Welcome!*

**Parents + Supporters Session**

*Presented by: Student Affairs*



# Panelists

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# Take-Aways from this Session

- Ten conversations to have with your student over the summer
- How to partner with Millikin to help your student persist academically and socially
- Resources available to you and your student

# Conversation 1

*How do you plan to be  
safe on campus?*



# Public Safety

## *Plan to be Safe*

- Millikin University is deliberate about safety planning
- Your student should be as well

## *Safety Resources*

- Safe Rides/Safe Walks
- Guardian Safety App (Use MU credentials to sign up)
- MU Alert
- Campus Conduct Hotline 866.943.5787 or [millikin.edu/conducthotline](http://millikin.edu/conducthotline)

## *Hybrid Department*

- Security Team (24/7)
- Campus Police
- Student Security Aides (Performance Learning opportunity)



***MU Alert***

# Conversation 2

*Do you know how to  
access holistic wellness  
services on campus?*



# Wellness

- Free
- Holistic approach
- Wellness-focused programming & opportunities
- Paraprofessional staff of Wellness Peer Advocates (WPA)



# Student Mental and Behavioral Health (SMBH)

- All counseling services are free
- Individual and group counseling available
  - In-person and Telehealth
- Psychoeducational groups
- Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- How to connect to our office
  - myMillikin online scheduling
- Campus and community referrals
- Partnership with HSHS Medical Group



# Conversation 3

*Where do you go for  
academic support?*



# Student Success Center (SSC)

- Academic Advising for Exploratory majors and guidance for all other majors
- Accommodations for students with documented disabilities
- Tutoring, Math Center & Supplemental Instruction
- Academic Support, Recovery & Resources
- Career Services – resume, cover letters, mock interviews, Career Closet and more
- Accolades, Alerts and midterm grades
- Course materials and books



# Staley Library

*Students will ask you for advice on research projects.  
Refer them to the library:*

- Research Assistance – help is available through multiple means
- Instruction – students will meet us in several courses
- Resources – go beyond Google with both physical collections and electronic resources like e-books, databases and more
- Spaces – group and individual study areas
- We have friends! – Writing Center

# Conversation 4

*How will you get  
involved on campus?*



# Campus Life

## *Student Engagement, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion*

- Leadership opportunities
- 75+ Student Organizations
- Education based – social justice programs, heritage month celebrations
- Orientation services for new students
- University traditions
  - Homecoming
  - Cookie Party
- University Commons – fusion of Library and Student Center
  - Hub of campus
  - 35 student employees – great Performance Learning opportunity



***Millikin Facebook***



***Campus Life Facebook***



# Conversation 5

*How can Student Affairs  
help you succeed?*



# Student Retention Services

*Students can come to the 3rd floor of University Commons and staff will help with the following and more:*

- We work **cooperatively and collaboratively** to advance student success.
- We focus on **psycho-social factors** that aid in success (inclusion and belonging, financial literacy, relationship issues, etc.).
- Help students connect and set appointments with other areas on campus.
- Title III Grant to support your student.
- We do our advising in an “**appreciative way**” and employ a **trauma-informed, strengths-based approach**.

*Encourage your student to **respond** when approached with an invitation to meet. Students willing to ask questions and seek out resources are much more likely to succeed, and we can advocate for them when needed.*



# Conversation 6

*What can you expect in the adjustment to on-campus (residential) living?*



# Campus Life – Residential Communities

- Residential living component is critical to the Millikin experience
- 3-year live-on requirement (first year – halls; second-third year – The Woods or Greek chapter facility on campus)
- Residential Programming and Signature Communities
- Dedicated staff (Resident Assistants & professional on-call staff)
- Required first-year residential meal plan
- Maintenance needs & laundry in residence hall
- Expectations while living away – Student Success Guide to Millikin brochure
- University Student Conduct Services

# Conversation 7

*Plan to communicate!*



## **24-Hour Support For You & Your Student**

- Student Affairs On-Call & Counselor On-Call Teams
- Resident Assistant – peer on residential floor
- Student Experience Ambassador – First Year Seminar
- Public Safety – open 365 days; 24/7 (217.464.8888)
- Engage with Student Affairs staff – and we will follow up

# Conversation 8

*What about academic records and student information for parents?*



# Your Student's Academic Record

- FERPA – Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act
- Your student's record moves from your joint ownership to the student's sole ownership once they enroll (regardless of age)
- All grades are electronic and available only to the student
- Set communication expectations with your student – decide if a waiver is right for your family
- Enact partnerships early

# Conversation 9

*How can Information  
Technology help in  
your success?*



# Information Technology

- Top 5 things you need to know or do before you come to campus:
  - Set up DUO Mobile
  - Take a tour of [my.millikin.edu](http://my.millikin.edu). After logging in, search for "Tour" and click on "Tour the new myMILLIKIN"
  - Register for classes
  - Download a copy of Office 365 on your personal device (Go to [Portal.Office.com](http://Portal.Office.com))
  - Validate your registration
- New Students Tech Tools site ([millikin.edu/IT](http://millikin.edu/IT))
- Help Desk in Shilling Hall Room 106, 217.362.6488 or email [infotech@millikin.edu](mailto:infotech@millikin.edu)



# Conversation 10

*Important Dates for the  
2024-2025 Year*



# Important Dates

**July 1** - Begin checking Millikin email regularly

**August 11** - EDGE Program & Long-Vanderburg Academy Move-In

**August 14** - Football Move-In Day

**August 15** - Fall Student Athlete Move-In Day

**August 16-18** - Move-In Days

**August 18-25** - New Student Welcome Week

**August 25** - Last day to opt out of Big Blue Access program for Fall 2024

**August 26** - Classes begin

**September 1** - Last day to add or drop 16-week or 1st 8-week courses

**September 6** - Last Day to Change/Cancel Meal Plan

**September 27-29** - Homecoming & Family Weekend

*Questions?*